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SUBJ: 17TH SESSION: RESOLUTION ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
THE LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY COLOMBIA:

"NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

"THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

"AWARE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT
AND UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS,

"RECOGNIZING THE URGENT NEED TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN
RESEARCH AND THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF THESE RESOURCES
WITH A VIEW TO THEIR EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION AND PROTECTION,

"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 302 (XIV) OF 5 MAY 1971

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AND 337 (XV) OF 30 MARCH 1973 ON NATURAL RESOURCES,

"BEARING IN MIND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
572(L), WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES SHOULD DEAL WITH THE DEVELOPMENT
OF ALL FORMS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER, ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES,

AND WHICH URGES THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO COOPERATE IN THE RELEVANT STUDIES,

"ALSO BEARING IN MIND THE PROVISIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCES CONTAINED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201(S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1956 (LIX) ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND 1957 (LIX) ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION AND COORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT,

"TAKING NOTE OF RESOLUTION VI OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE REQUESTING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, IN CONSIDERING THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO ENSURE THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, IN PROMOTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION IN THE MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,

"CONSIDERING THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THAT CONFERENCE ON 'ACTION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL - SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARTICULAR REGIONS' TOOK NOTE OF THE 'LIMA CONSENSUS ON WATER PROBLEMS' ADOPTED AT THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING HELD FROM 30 AUGUST TO 3 SEPTEMBER 1976, AND TRANSMITTED IT TO CEPAL SO THAT IT COULD TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES,

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"CONSIDERING THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION, IS TO STUDY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATER CONFERENCE WHICH, AFTER APPROVAL, WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROCESS OF RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

"RECOGNIZING THE WORK WHICH THE SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN DOING IN RECENT YEARS IN THE SPHERE OF RESEARCH ON NON-RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES, WATER AND ENERGY,

"1. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

"A) TO INTENSIFY THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE SECRETARIAT IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND PARTICULARLY WATER, MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES, SUCH AS:

I) COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THESE

RESOURCES;

II) HELPING TO IMPROVE STATISTICAL INFORMATION
SYSTEMS AND SYSTEMS OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THE FORMULATION
OF STRATEGIES AND PLANS IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SECTORS;

III) REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL PROSPECTIVE SURVEYS
OF THE DEMAND FOR THE SUPPLY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AS
WELL AS OTHER RESEARCH HELPING TO IDENTIFY THE ROLE OF THESE
RESOURCES IN DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION;

IV) FACILITATIVE MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND BETWEEN PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST;

V) COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENTS IN THE PREPARATION
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OF STUDIES AIMED AT DEVELOPING THESE RESOURCES IN THE
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION;

"B) TO COORDINATE CEPAL'S WORK AND COOPERATE, WHEN
NECESSARY, WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR NATURAL
RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMME, REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES, AND THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND
THE LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY ORGANIZATION;

"C) TO TAKE NOTE OF AND CARRY OUT, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE,
THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO CEPAL IN THE 'LIMA CONSENSUS
OF WATER PROBLEMS'.

"2. ENDORSES THE REQUEST MADE IN RESOLUTION VI OF THE
UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD
CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL
FUNDS FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF CEPAL IN THE UNITED
NATIONS BUDGET, FOR THE PURPOSES MENTIONED IN THE
ABOVE PARAGRAPHS WITH REGARD TO WATER RESOURCES."

2. USDEL BELIEVES PREAMBULAR REFERENCES ARE SUFFICIENTLY
NEUTRAL TO PERMIT USDEL TO JOIN CONSENSUS. PRIOR TO VOTE
WE WOULD SEEK SECRETARIAT EXPLANATION OF BUDGETARY
IMPLICATIONS. UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE RESOLUTION SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED THURSDAY AFTERNOON THOUGH SECRETARIAT IS
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